

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION 2014 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Governor's Historic Preservation Awards are presented annually, under the sponsorship of the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), to individuals, organizations, companies, and public agencies whose contributions demonstrate significant achievements in preserving the heritage of California. The purpose of the awards is to recognize meaningful achievements in historic preservation through increased public awareness, appreciation, and support for historic preservation throughout the state.

We invite you to participate in celebrating the preservation of California's heritage by nominating individuals, organizations, firms, or agencies you believe are deserving of the Governor's Historic Preservation Award.

Award recipients will be selected by a jury of distinguished professionals representing a cross-section of disciplines in the field of historic preservation. Presentation of the awards will take place in Sacramento in November.

ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

1. Projects

- A. Restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive use of historic buildings, structures, sites, or cultural landscapes. Projects shall have been completed (or, for large-scale, phased projects, had a substantial portion completed) within the last three years and not later than January 31, 2014.
- B. Activities related to the identification, protection, and interpretation of historic and prehistoric resources.
 - Innovative efforts in historic preservation education or interpretive programs.
 - Exemplary historic preservation planning documents, including design guidelines, general plan elements, and local ordinances.
 - Surveys or National Register nominations that significantly contribute to statewide knowledge of historic resources and/or contexts.
 - Projects that demonstrate new or novel approaches to the protection of historic and/or prehistoric archaeological sites.
 - Exemplary historical research projects, including oral histories.

2. Individuals, Organizations, and Agencies

Any individual, organization, company, or local, state or federal agency involved in historic preservation is eligible to be nominated. Eligible nominees will have made significant contributions over time to the advancement of historic preservation and/or the preservation of historical resources in California. Nominations of those individuals and groups working at a grassroots level are especially encouraged. *Individuals may not self-nominate.*

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Nominations should demonstrate creative solutions to the preservation and/or interpretation of California historic and/or prehistoric resources.

Nominations of public agencies shall clearly demonstrate how the reason(s) for nomination is distinguished from those projects or activities that would normally fall within the agency's mandate to execute.

Nominations of firms or companies shall clearly demonstrate involvement beyond contractual scope.

For projects that were completed in compliance with local, state, or federal law, consideration will only be given to those that exceed the legal requirements, include meaningful public participation, and demonstrate creative solutions to compliance requirements.

Nominations must demonstrate that the project or activity conforms to applicable professional standards, such as the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation, or other standards for archaeology, interpretation, oral history, and other types of projects or activities.

Awards for the drafting of legislation, be it local, county, or statewide, will be presented to the elected official who carried it, along with those responsible for researching and drafting the legislation.

Special consideration will be given to historic preservation projects/activities that:

- Demonstrate successful public-private partnerships;
- Promote sustainability and "green" design while preserving the historic fabric of a resource;
- Broaden the ethnic and cultural diversity of historic preservation activities; or,
- Have not been recognized previously by other organizations or awards programs.

Nominee must not be involved in any preservation-related violations, lawsuits, or complaints. Compliance checking will be conducted to ensure all awards are appropriate.

Note: The Office of Historic Preservation, in consultation with the awards jury panel, reserves the right to present each award to any or all of the organizations, agencies, companies, and/or individuals responsible.